

Austin Career Education Center

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To Whom it May Concern:

Austin Career Education Center is a charter high school on the west side of Chicago that has provided a second chance at a high school education since 1977. We provide a professional, supportive learning community in a non-traditional high school setting that engages and empowers students, nurtures and develops moral and intellectual growth, and promotes social responsibility to local and global communities, and encourages lifelong learning.

As a School Administrator, I manage a substantial budget and seek every opportunity for cost containment. This is a key responsibility that I balance against a myriad of competing priorities. This is why I was intrigued when Michael Thompson of Schooley Mitchell stated they could save me time and money, without risk or out-of-pocket fees. He emphasized there was no obligation or cost for them to conduct an in-depth analysis of our waste disposal & telecom, which were major problem areas for me. I agreed to a brief meeting and provided statements for their review, and he said they'd complete their comprehensive analysis in 4 – 6 weeks. When he came back to present his recommendations, I was shocked to see that he could reduce our waste expense by 75% through our existing vendor. Subsequently, their analysis for our telecom offered savings of 45% with double the data speed, through the same carrier we have our cable service with. Their program included coordinating the implementation of all services, and the ongoing management of vendors and auditing of all bills.

I can absolutely say that working with Michael & his team at Schooley Mitchell exceeded my expectations. I wholeheartedly recommend him to any school or business seeking to better manage their expenses, while saving time and money.

Sincerely,



Dr. Debra Williams
Principal, Austin Career Educational Center